

South Jordan City



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A Monthly Newsletter For South Jordan Residents
September 2006

Backflow Prevention Program

South Jordan City is dedicated to providing our residents and customers with safe, clean, drinking water. Maintaining a Backflow Prevention Program is an essential key to accomplishing this goal. An inspector from the Water Division will be visiting homes over the next several months to verify the safety of your sprinkler system connection.

The City and its residents/customers share a joint responsibility to ensure all areas of the water distribution system are adequately protected. The City will provide a safe, adequate water supply to the residents/customers who in turn will maintain their plumbing systems in compliance with State and local ordinances, requirements, codes and policies.

Backflow incidents can seriously affect the quality and safety of the drinking water. Backflow is the reverse flow of contaminated water or other substances from a user's water system back into the public drinking water system. Backflow can occur if your plumbing system is

physically connected (also called a cross connection) to any source of contamination or pollution. Common examples of possible cross connections include landscape sprinkling systems, hose attachments for utility sinks, and garden hoses.

Backflow prevention assemblies provide the public water system with protection against contamination or pollution.

Every sprinkler/irrigation system that utilizes culinary (drinking) water is required to install a

Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly (RPZ). RPZ's must be installed 12"-36" above ground and require annual testing to ensure proper function. A list of certified backflow testers is available at <http://www.sjc.utah.gov/backflow.asp> or by contacting the Water Division at 253-5230.

Any sprinkler or irrigation system that is designed to use the secondary and culinary water requires a physical disconnect, swing joint connection. The swing joint connection makes it impossible for the culinary and secondary water to be used at the same time. A detailed drawing of the setup is available on the City's website.

The City's Water Department is performing assessments of every residential sprinkler/irrigation system to determine compliance with the above mentioned requirements. A report will be left with the homeowner detailing the level of compliance and any corrective measures that need to be taken. These hazard assessment surveys will be conducted routinely every three years as part of the Backflow Prevention Program. For more information or to schedule an inspection please contact the Water Division at 253-5230.

Go-Ped Rules

Recently South Jordan City Police Department has received many inquiries as to the laws regarding "Go-Ped's" and the use of off-road vehicles. Many parents are not aware of the laws concerning these types of recreational vehicles and have called to get information before purchasing such a vehicle. Here is some helpful information to assist in the decision for your family to own or use these types of vehicles.

"Go-Ped's" are considered "Motor Assisted Scooters" by Utah Law (41-6A-1115 UCA). Some of the highlights of the law are outlined below:

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Recycle old phone books



REMEMBER: The new Dex Salt Lake City White & Yellow Page directories will be delivered from September 6 through October 5 (tentatively). To recycle old phone books, South Jordan residents can place them in their Recycling Containers for curbside pickup. Recycling of old phone books will start September 6, 2006 and end August 31, 2007.

Another option is the Redi-Therm Locations – the schools receive money for material collected at their sites.

Celebrate Your Museum Day & Constitution Week: 'A More Perfect Union'

When was the last time you visited your local museum? Did you know that South Jordan has a new museum? You will definitely want to plan a visit to the Gale Center of History & Culture on Saturday, September 16, 2006. This day has been declared, "Celebrate Your Museum Day." Museums across the state will have special programs and activities, as well as free or reduced admission.

The Gale Center of History & Culture

will have long time residents telling stories of growing up in South Jordan, craft projects, along with celebrating Constitution Week. In commemoration of the Nation's Constitution Week we will be showing "A More Perfect Union." This is a dramatization of the final signing of the Constitution September 17, 1787 in Independence Hall. Come take part and learn more about your great nation's history. The Gale Center is located at 10300 South Beckstead Lane and will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Over 250 museums in Utah provide a wealth of cultural and educational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Museums are the guardians of Utah's natural, cultural and artistic heritage. Join the nearly 7 million people who visit Utah's museums annually and experience wonderful historical objects, meet interesting plants and animals, and go face to face with awesome art. Explore your world!

For more information, please contact Karen Gingerich or Heather Smith at 254-3048.

Using Property Tax Dollars in South Jordan City

The following is the second in a series of monthly information pieces provided by the City of South Jordan to assist all residents in better understanding property taxes.

Last month the City published information on how to better understand your property tax bill and provided a detailed chart indicating how much of your total property tax is actually allocated to South Jordan City. As a quick reminder, South Jordan receives 14% of your total property tax payment.

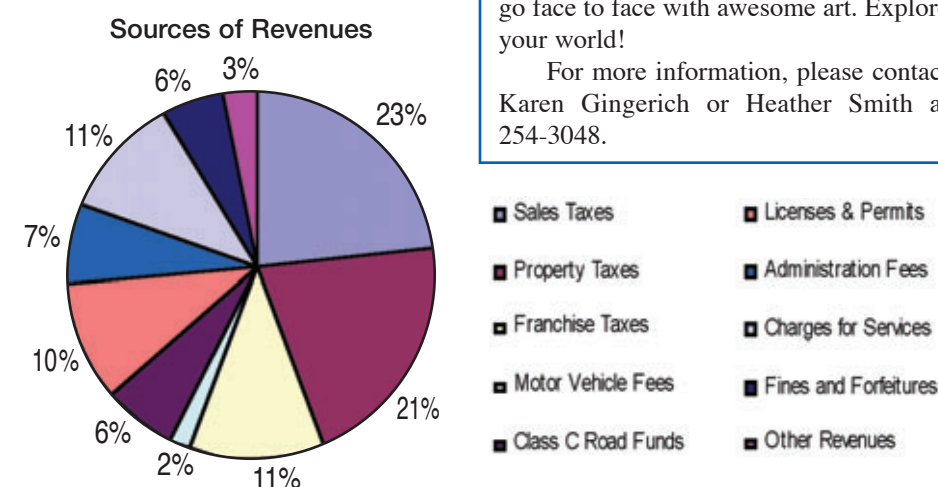
While understanding your property tax bill is important, it is equally beneficial to know exactly how your property tax dollars are used. Please note the following:

- Property taxes account for 21% of General Fund Revenues (See "Sources of Revenues" chart).

- Public Safety, which includes Police, Fire, Emergency Management, and Code Enforcement, is the largest

component of the General Fund.

- Property tax dollars collected by the City of South Jordan provide 53% of the total funding required to support Public Safety.



In next month's FOCUS, information regarding exactly how property tax rates are determined will be discussed.

MAYOR Kent Money

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

District 1: **Leona Winger**
District 2: **Brad Marlor**
District 3: **Brian C. Butters**
District 4: **Dave Colton**
District 5: **Larry Short**

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Rick Horst: City Manager
Gary Whatcott: DCM Safety & Neighborhood Services
John Geilmann: City Attorney
Rob Wall: ACM Municipal Services
Laurie Tanner: ACM Finance & Administrative Services

SOUTH JORDAN CITY HALL

1600 W. Towne Center Dr.
South Jordan, Utah 84095
254-3742
info@sjc.utah.gov

Certificate of Appreciation



South Jordan City is pleased to announce the recipient of the Certificate of Appreciation Award for the third quarter of 2006. This Certificate of Appreciation is awarded on a quarterly basis and is given to developers and/or builders that in cooperation with South Jordan City develop and build a high quality designed and constructed commercial facility and/or residential development housing.

The Certificate of Appreciation for the third quarter of 2006 is awarded to Lifetime Fitness located at 10976 South River Front Parkway in the River Park Corporate Center in recognition of the high quality design and construction of their facility. The City feels that this recipient's cooperation and construction reflect the type of design and construction that enhances the City. South Jordan City feels especially fortunate that we were chosen for the first Lifetime Fitness to be located in Utah.

This Certificate will be presented to a representative of Lifetime Fitness by Mayor Money at the City Council meeting on September 19, 2006.

Congratulations to Lifetime Fitness and all of their personnel that worked with the City to complete this fine facility.

FOCUS

SCHOOL ZONES

The South Jordan Police Department would like to remind all citizens who operate motor vehicles in and through our city to please drive safely and be attentive. Summer is nearly over and with kids heading back to school, it's time for motorists to become especially observant while on our roadways. There will be an abundance of children scampering around during many of our common drive times. Additionally, the days are getting shorter and while daylight savings is in effect, it can be quite dark during the morning commute. Keeping our kids safe is paramount.

Motorists should know the South Jordan Police Department has zero tolerance for school zone speeders. We have a very active school zone enforcement program and all officers have been instructed to frequent the school zones. The speed limit for all active school zones (amber flashing lights) is 20 miles per hour and ticket prices are much higher for school zone violations. The cost for a citation at just 5 miles over the school zone speed limit is \$109.50 and it goes up significantly from there. Please be aware and slow down.

Each school zone is staffed by at least one crossing guard. The crossing guards have all been well trained and are there for our children's safety. If a crossing guard enters the roadway to stop or alter traffic for pedestrians, please obey any directions or commands that are given. Failure to obey a crossing guard is unwise. Crossing guards are trained to take down license plate numbers of non-compliant motorists and have a police officer make contact and possibly issue a citation.

School zones times vary from school to school but they generally start around 8:00 a.m., noon for kindergarten as well as 3:00 p.m. The morning and afternoon zones are active for approximately 45 minutes. Please be alert and drive safely to protect our children as they walk to and from school.

If you notice ongoing speeding problems in or around school zones, please take a minute to report the problem. You can call the Police Department directly at 254-4708, drop by in person at 1600 West Towne Center Drive or use the City's website. Please be observant and slow down in and around school zones.



South Jordan City is Hosting an End-of-the-Season Irrigation Workshop



Residents are encouraged to join South Jordan City for a free workshop to learn about irrigation sprinklers and design issues, as well as how to prepare systems for the winter season. If you have access to secondary water and have not been using it, the workshop will also cover how to get connected. Licensed irrigation designers will be on hand to answer questions and explain design techniques for effective use of irrigation. Other topics that will be covered during the workshop are water conservation, backflow prevention, winter preparation, pumps and water pressure.

The workshop will be held at the South Jordan City Community Center, located at 10778 South Redwood Road on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10:00 a.m. Please come prepared with questions and be ready to learn how to get your lawn or garden sprinkler system ready for the end of the summer, or for next year's irrigation season. If you have any questions about the workshop please call Ken Short at South Jordan City Municipal Services at 254-3742.

SOUTH JORDAN
PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

**A COMMUNITY
CHORAL CONCERT**

**All Participants Will Sing - No Auditions.
Anyone, 16 or Older, is Welcome to Come.
All sheet music will be provided.**

★ Rehearsals begin September 6th & continue every Wednesday ★

Times: 6:45 to 8:45
**Place: South Jordan Community Center
10778 S Redwood Rd**

We are actively seeking sponsorships for **Sounds of the Season Choral Concert**. Please call Lori Edmunds at 254-3048

Buy books, music, movies & gifts for Birthdays, Christmas, or any occasion.

Join Barnes & Noble

in Sandy (10180 S / State Street) Friday & Saturday
September 15 & 16



In supporting the
Gale Center

to preserve folklore
& oral histories.

Here's how it works: SHOP at Barnes & Noble in Sandy, on Friday, Sept. 15 or Saturday, Sept. 16, PRESENT this voucher at the register and a portion of your purchase will go directly to the new Gale Center in South Jordan!

Special Events: Interpretive Storytimes
Friday evening at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 2:00 pm

Store Use Only:

Transaction # _____ Register # _____ Total \$ _____

SOUTH JORDAN PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY

Police & Fire Calls.....	911
Animal Control	254-4708
BFI	972-4234
Billing	254-3742
Chamber of Commerce.....	253-5200
City Administration	254-3742
Community Center	254-9888
Construction Management	253-5230
Development Services	254-1404
Dispatch	840-4000
Fire Department.....	254-5272
Help Line	446-HELP (4357)
Municipal Court.....	254-6381
Parks	253-5230
Police Department	254-4708
Public Services	253-5230
Recreation	253-5236
Senior Citizens Center.....	302-1222
South Valley Sewer District	571-1166
TransJordan Landfill.....	569-8994
Victim Service	254-4708

VICTIM ADVOCATE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The South Jordan Police Department, Victim Services Program is currently seeking volunteers interested in a challenging community service position as a Victim Advocate. This is an exciting, self satisfying and challenging position that requires compassion, patience, good judgment and problem solving abilities. Qualified advocates will provide crisis intervention, emotional support, information, referrals, and criminal justice advocacy to victims of crime, disasters, and other emergencies occurring in South Jordan City. Basic 40-hour advocacy training is tentatively scheduled for September 2006. Initial and on-going training will be provided at no cost to the volunteer advocates.

Candidates are required to:

- Complete a City of South Jordan employment application
- Be at least 18 years of age

- Have a valid drivers license and current insurance
- Pass a criminal background check / drug screening
- Be willing to respond to calls for assistance
- Make a commitment of at least six months
- Complete 40 hours of training
- Participate in scheduled meetings and in-service training

All applications are subject to final approval by the Chief of Police.

Interested individuals may apply at South Jordan City Hall, Human Resources Department, 254-3742, 1600 W. Towne Center Drive, South Jordan, during regular business hours.

Application form is available on line at: www.sjc.utah.gov
Closing date for completed applications is September 18, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.